

**Annexation Treaty Signed.**  
**UNDER IT HAWAII WILL BECOME**  
**A TERRITORY—JAPAN FILES**  
**A VIGOROUS PROTEST.**

Chinese Forbidden to Enter the Islands or to Come From Them to the United States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 16.—The Hawaiian annexation treaty was signed at 9:30 o'clock this morning at the State Department by Secretary Sherman for the United States and Messrs. Hatch, Thurston and Kinney for Hawaii.

The treaty provides that the Government of the Hawaiian Islands cede to the United States absolutely and forever all rights of sovereignty and over the Hawaiian Islands and its dependencies and that those islands shall become an integral part of the territory of the United States.

The Government of Hawaii also cedes to the United States all public lands, public buildings and public property of every description. Congress shall enact special laws to govern the disposition of the lands in the Hawaiian Islands. All the revenue from these lands shall be used solely for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands for educational and other public purposes. The Hawaiian Islands shall be admitted into the Union as a territory of the United States, local laws to be passed by a local legislature, but subject to the approval of the President. United States shall further guarantee to the Hawaiian Islands the present laws of Hawaii as to govern the Islands.

The present treaties and laws governing Hawaii's commercial relations with foreign nations shall remain in force until Congress shall enact laws to prohibit pending congressional action and the entry of Chinese from Hawaii into the United States likewise is prohibited. The United States assumes the public debt of Hawaii but with the stipulation that the liability shall not exceed \$4,000,000. The treaty before it becomes effective shall be ratified by the proper authorities of the United States and of Hawaii. No mention is made of any gratuity to Liliuokalani or Keelikouli.

The Japanese Government has filed a protest against the Hawaiian treaty on the ground that it promises to lead to a breach of treaty stipulations between Japan and Hawaii.

**THE EARTH IS SPLIT.**  
**One Fissure Is Forty Feet Across and Its Discoverer Could See No Bottom.**

CASPER, WYO., June 17.—About a month or six weeks ago many citizens noticed a slight motion of the earth. Dishes and loose articles in houses rattled in an alarming manner. Its effects have been discovered.

Charles Richardson, a ranchman of Bates Park, while in search of horses last week, was at the head of Bottom Creek, and came upon small cracks in the ground made by the recent earthquake, which grew larger as he advanced, and showed great depth.

**This Busy World**  
Rushes on headlong into all sorts of accidents, bruises us, burns us, freezes us, giving us aches, pains and ailments of all kinds, so the only thing we can do is to make the best of it, and to provide something to counteract all these things.

**Barry's . . .**  
**Antiseptic Mixture**  
has proved the ideal remedy for the home. It cures Sore Throat and Tonsillitis, prevents Diphtheria, never fails to cure Catarrh, Rheumatism, and Skin Diseases. Try it and be convinced. It is your supply for it. Our household book sent free.

**Antiseptic Pharmaceutical Co., St. Louis.**

**EDITOR WHITE TALKS.**

He Says the Country Newspaper Proprietor Now Runs His Paper On a Business Basis.

The editor of the LEDGER, who is attending the meeting of the Missouri Press Association at Meramec Highlands, St. Louis County, and of which Association he is Corresponding Secretary, is quoted by the Globe-Democrat as follows:

"Bob" White, of the Mexico LEDGER, is a typical, up-to-date editor. He is as jolly as a dozen Mark Twains rolled into one, even on a day when the thermometer is taking a hop, skip and jump above the 100 notch.

"Yes, the old-time, run-down-at-the-heel editor has passed out," said Mr. White, and the country editor who takes his subscriptions in cordwood and cabbage, but he does business on a common-sense basis. He is now enabled to subscribe for Sunday School festivals, pay his pew rent in the church and buy his own whiskey.

"Of course, the country editor still has experiences that try his soul. I have been carrying a well-to-do farmer on my subscription list for fifteen years, and in all that time he had not paid me a cent. One time I dropped him a letter containing a list of his arrears, and he wrote me a long letter, saying that he had lost a horse and couldn't afford to pay me then. Time rolled on, and I wrote him another letter. He excused that time that a fire had burned his barn. I waited a reasonable time and then wrote him again. One day I saw him in town and dunned him. He became angry, and then declared that I could stop the paper, as he didn't want it, anyway. But he repented in a few days and came into my office and paid me for the whole fifteen years' subscription and a few years in advance. And I didn't hypnotize him either."

Wood Maddox Goes to St. Louis.  
On the first of July the Horse and Mule Department of the National Stock Yards will receive a valuable acquisition in the person of G. S. Maddox, of Mexico, Mo., who has just purchased a lot of horses in active business in the A. B. Clarke Commission Company. Mr. Maddox is well known to all those who have been familiar with the St. Louis market, having been business here as a boy twenty years ago when horses and mules were held overland to market. For some time he has been on his way to Mexico, where he is now connected with Mr. J. W. Howard, of the Maxwell & Crouch Mule Co., and for the last five years has been associated with Mr. J. W. Montague, who until recently was located at this market.

**A Few Facts and Figures.**  
**ONLY A SMALL SURPLUS THAT COULD BE USED FOR ALL KINDS OF STREET WORK.**

With or Without Rock Streets the Expenses in the Street Department Will be Heavy—If Bonded Only \$1,000 Would be Left to Work With.

To the Editor of the Ledger:  
MEXICO, MO., June 17.—Would it not be well to inform the people as to the status of our obligations and income? What are our fixed annual liabilities and our resources outside of saloon license, and amount of said license?

A man, before incurring a debt, should sum up his resources and, if they will carry him through, it will be safe to go ahead. Doubtful resources should hardly be considered unless to add strength to the sure. If we all knew as to the above mentioned matters we could talk and act more intelligently. Yours,  
A. K. LUCKIE.

City Clerk Thos. M. Gill, at the request of the LEDGER, furnishes the following figures relative to the above question:

Total amount expended on the streets and sewers from April 1, 1892, to June 14, 1897, is \$26,804. This is five and one-fourth years and the average per year amounts to \$5,360. Two-thirds of the time the revenue from saloons was \$1,600 greater than now, and two-thirds of the time the cost of electric light was \$1,600 less than now. This makes \$3,200; two-thirds of \$3,200 is about \$2,133, consequently if we wish to get the surplus at present which the city can put upon the streets, we must deduct this amount from the amount per annum which has been spent, including the total cost of the sewers and the land bought from J. W. Atchison for sewer purposes, part of which has gone back into the treasury. This will leave the surplus now available to use on the streets, say \$3,805.

The LEDGER adds that if we paid the interest on \$20,000 bonds and retired one bond annually there would be little more than \$1,000 per annum to use on streets and for accidents and emergencies of all kinds. It can readily be seen where we would be if one or two saloons dropped out.

It would be well to bear in mind that at the time of April 1, 1892, from which this statement commences, there was a surplus of \$3,000 in the city treasury, \$3,000. Now, if this fact be taken into consideration, which amounts to nearly \$600 per annum of itself, for the five and one-fourth years averaged, and to-day the treasury is empty—not even sufficient funds on hand to pay the claims already allowed—a tolerably correct idea can be formed in regard to the surplus of the city per annum for any purpose.

There has been, we believe, an increase in the assessed value, the principal part of which occurred in 1893. It is true that the city has paid some \$2,500 in damage suits and costs in the past five years, but it is safe to assume that this will be any less in the next five years, while it may be more. We have one damage case on hand now.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH CONVENTION**  
Interesting Sessions Last Night and To-Day—Delegates Attending.

Friday evening A. O. Harrison, of Fulton, president of the Fifth District Union of the Y. P. S. C. E., called the convention to order at the Christian church.

Opening song service was conducted by W. W. Settle. Miss Susie Threlkeld followed with a solo, "The Bird With a Broken Pinion," by J. H. Tenny, which was beautifully sung.

Rev. J. W. Robbins delivered the address of welcome, which was well worded, hearty and inspiring. The Mexico Male Quartette then sang "Hallelujah, Holy, Holy," and was followed by a response by A. O. Harrison, who spoke on "Christian Hospitality," which was a beautiful theme and was spoken with such pathos that it appealed to the audience with unusual force.

O. W. Harding sang "Holy City," by Stephen Adams, and was followed by an address by Rev. A. B. Phillips, of Fulton, on "The Seed Is the Word." The convention adjourned at 9:30 that night and convened next morning at 10 o'clock this morning. At that hour it was as dark as at midnight. Trees, awnings and plate glass windows were wrecked. Lightning struck many houses.

TWO CYCLONES IN IOWA.  
LINCOLN, ILL., June 18.—Four children were killed and six persons were injured to-day by a tornado that destroyed the barn of the Illinois Asylum for the Feeble-Minded. The tornado passed on to the northeast, doing great damage, the extent of which is not known. The storm divided into sections and covered a wide territory. It is feared that the loss of life will be greatly enlarged when reports are received from outside the city.

TORNADO AT JOLIET.  
JOLIET, ILL., June 18.—A heavy wind and electrical storm struck Joliet at 5 o'clock this morning. At that hour it was as dark as at midnight. Trees, awnings and plate glass windows were wrecked. Lightning struck many houses.

Another cyclone of somewhat greater violence passed six miles east of Okaloosa. Its path was over two miles in length and about 50 yards in width. The damage, however, was slight.

The storm struck Naperville, Matteson, Aroma, Macomb, Pana, Taylorville, Nokomis and other places in Illinois; Louisville, Ky., several cities in Indiana and Sedalia, Mo. At Muncie, Ind., four persons were killed.

**Life and Property Destroyed.**  
**FATAL ELECTRICAL AND WIND STORMS IN ILLINOIS, IOWA AND INDIANA.**

Four Children at the Illinois Asylum for the Feeble-Minded Were Killed—Six Others Injured.

Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim. As the swift years steal away. Beautiful, willowy forms so slim. Love fairness with every day. But she still is queen and bath charms in spare. Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful hair.

**Preserve Your Hair**  
and you preserve your youth. "A woman is as old as she looks," says the world. No woman looks as old as she is if her hair has preserved its normal beauty. You can keep hair from falling out, restoring its normal color, or restore the normal color to gray or faded hair, by the use of

**Ayer's Hair Vigor.**  
TRAIN ROBBERS FOILED.  
Illinois Desperados Betrayed by a Comrade—One Mortally Wounded.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 17.—An attempt was made last night by three men to hold up a Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern passenger train near Selma, Ill., sixty-five miles east of here but the attempt failed, one of the men being killed and the others escaping, though fired on by the Sheriff, who, with a posse of six men went to the scene and found the track piled high with timber which the desperados had placed at a trestle.

At the appearance of the posse the gang scattered and most of them escaped, though fired on by the Sheriff and his officers. One of the robbers—Abbe Tweed, a paroled convict—was shot and captured, and is now dying in jail at Salem, where he was taken. Thomas Schumaker, another ex-convict, was arrested later.

It is said that the train which left St. Louis last night carried more than \$100,000 in the express car. The trainmen are confident that, if the engine had run into the pile of ties, it, with several cars, would have been derailed and thrown down the embankment, entailing a great loss of life.

**HOW TO FIND OUT.**  
Fill a bottle or common glass with urine and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settlings will form at the bottom of the bottle. When urine stands in it is positive evidence of kidney trouble. Too frequent desire to urinate or pain in the back, is also convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.



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There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in relieving pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passages. It cures kidney trouble by restoring the healthy action of the kidneys and scaling pipe in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to get up many times during the night to urinate. The mild and extraordinary effect of Swamp-root is to cleanse the system and the highest of its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists, fifty cents and one dollar. You may have a sample bottle and a pamphlet both sent free by mail. Mention the Medicine Ledger and send your address to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y. The proprietor of this paper guarantees the genuineness of this offer.

**Twenty Years Ago This Week.**  
J. B. Snell was Mayor of Fulton. J. McD. Trimble was in Virginia on a visit. Hon. John A. Flood, of Fulton, was very ill. W. O. Forrist was a court attendant in Fulton. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vincell were in Kansas City. The wind did \$5,000 damage in Mexico on the 20th. A war was going on between Russia and Turkey. W. F. Whitney was a stock shipper from this point. Wm. Pollock was putting new steel boilers in his mill. J. Linn Ladd, of Vandallia, spent Sunday in Mexico. The Missouri National Bank went up the spout. Botts & Botts shipped a car of stock to St. Louis. Miss Georgia Allen was teaching school in Vandallia. J. D. Jackson sold his stock of groceries to Mr. Baker. J. A. Judy was going to Kentucky to spend the summer. Miss Lou Ford was attending commencement in Fulton. Wm. Treloar was rendering Belshazzar in Des Moines, Ia. Mrs. Capt. Currie was recovering from a severe spell of illness. D. E. Shea and W. H. Barton, real estate dealers, dissolved partnership. The Advantages announced that the end of world would come on July 7, 1877. Rev. Ben. Terrill died on the 17th. He was the father of President Terrill, of Hardin. Quisenberry & Botts and Judy & McFadin were building new store rooms at Santa Fe. A disastrous fire visited Fulton on the 16th and destroyed thousands of dollars worth of property. Charles Gray and Miss L. T. Jacobs, of Benton City, were married by Rev. Dr. B. T. Lacey on the 19th. Wm. H. Tipton sold his interest in the Mexico Planning Mill and removed his family to St. Louis. Lawyer Kennan purchased the building known as the Lenoix building from S. Simpson for \$4,000. A survey between Mexico and Kansas City had been completed for the proposed extension of the C. & A. R. R. Bob Johnson, Joe Botts, J. C. Sumner, Wm. Sumner, W. R. McBride and Wallace & McKamey were shipwrecked from this point.

**THE LAND SALES.**  
The following real estate sales were made during the week:  
O. McCarty to T. B. Martin, 500 acres 10 miles east of Mexico, \$8,000.  
Martin Shea to D. E. Shea, lots 3 and 4, block 3 in Laddonia, \$500.  
Wm. Pollock to Wm. H. Tipton, lot 10 Sparks' addition to Mexico, \$650.  
David Winegard to E. Ahlfeldt, 160 acres 14 miles south of Mexico, \$1,200.  
Wm. Marshall to R. Marshall, 120 acres 12 miles north of Mexico, \$2,000.  
Wm. Marshall to J. E. Mundy, 40 acres 10 miles north of Mexico, \$500.  
C. G. Canter to Mary Wells, 20x60 feet, part of lot 4, block 28 in Vandallia, \$750.  
G. D. Ferris to Wm. Sims, the store room, occupied by Cardwell's store, for \$3,700.  
D. E. Shea to C. Casey, lots 23, 24, 25 and 26, Barnes' addition to Mexico, for \$1,000.  
W. H. Tipton to Pollock & Co., one-third interest in Mexico Planning Mill, \$900.  
Wm. M. Sims to G. D. Ferris, land interest in 240 acres, 10 miles north of Mexico, for \$1,200.  
T. B. Hitt to Wm. H. Tipton, lots 96, 97, 98 Kansas, block P. Beatty's addition to Mexico, \$1,750.  
L. D. Orap to A. M. Harrison, east one-half of lot 6 in survey 863, south of Ladd's addition to Mexico, \$50.

**Caused by the Grip.**  
"The grip left me in a weak condition. I read so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla I thought I would try a bottle, and before I had finished it I began to get better. I continued taking Hood's Sarsaparilla until I was as well and strong as usual and I cheerfully recommend this medicine."—Miss MINNIE MARTIN, Versailles, Mo.  
Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache, etc.

**KILLED HER TRAUDEER.**  
Texas Teacher Also Wounded Her Brother in the Fusillade.

PARIS, TEX., June 17.—This morning at 10 o'clock Ed Kilgore was shot and killed at the depot in Laddonia. He was sitting in the gentlemen's waiting room talking to a friend, when Miss Fannie Jackson entered and fired a shot from a revolver, which went wide of the mark and struck her brother, Rodie Jackson, making a wound in his forehead. Kilgore ran out of the building pursued by Bud, Charles and Fannie, who fired a perfect fusillade at him. Kilgore fell, fairly riddled with bullets. After he had fallen the young woman walked up to him and fired three more bullets into his prostrate form, exclaiming as she did so: "You coward, you have slandered me enough!"

The Jacksons are excellent people and stand high. The young lady has been employed in some of the best schools. The Moberly Democrat says: Miss Nannie Wright, of Mexico, who has been visiting Mrs. H. W. Reed, at Hannibal on a visit of a week to friends and relatives in that city.

**THE WOMAN WHO USES**  
**GOLD DUST**  
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**A Pretty Compliment.**  
In speaking of the high honor conferred upon Miss Mabelle Lang Hathaway at Hardin College this year, the Montgomery county Republican, edited by D. W. Majors, says: Miss Mabelle Hathaway was a member of the graduating class of the Mexico High School, year '94, when the editor of this paper was principal of the High School and he is not surprised to hear of her carrying off such distinguished honors at Hardin. Miss Hathaway is a daughter of Hon. W. S. Hathaway, of Mexico, the man whom McKinley will honor, no doubt with a distinguished official appointment. Miss Mabelle takes considerable interest in public affairs and is well posted on the political issues of the day.

**TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.**—It is a terrible accident to be burned or scalded; but the pain and agony and the frightful disfigurement can be quickly overcome without leaving a scar by using DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. For sale by Woolbridge & Purdy.

**Auctioned Off.**  
Friday afternoon at the east door of the Court House the following sales were made:  
Forty acres, near Thompson, belonging to John Robinson, under court mortgage, to Jas. Powers, for \$801; same number of acres for \$301; same for \$255.  
Sheriff sale of J. T. Gatewood's interest in \$385 acres, near Youngs Creek, to W. W. Fry, for \$5.  
J. E. Holmes, sold under execution to August Fry, 30 acres, \$150.  
W. B. Canterbury et al vs. John Duly et al, sold in partition, 55 acres to Lee A. Lewis at \$14.55 per acre.  
J. T. Sumner et al vs. Wm. E. Sumner et al, 20 acres, near Beagle's School House, to Monroe Beagle at \$16.12 1/2 per acre.

**LIVERY STOCK FOR SALE.**  
L. B. Morris Offers His Livery Stable for Sale on Reasonable Terms.

On account of moving away from Mexico I will sell on reasonable terms my livery stock. Good horses, splendid rigs and everything in first-class condition. Call and examine stock and get terms. Opposite City Hall, Mexico, Mo. d&w ft. L. B. MORRIS.

**She Found Her Brother.**  
Miss Ella Murphy, a member of the Salvation Army of this city, is very sick of consumption at the home of J. T. Stanley. The young lady is an orphan, but she has a brother and sister. Until now she did not know where either one of them was located. Through Fred Woods, of the Army, she has learned that her brother was living in Callaway county. He was notified to-day of his sister's condition. The other sister's whereabouts is unknown. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are taking good care of the sick girl, who has the sympathy of the town.

The next annual session of the North Missouri Baptist conference, Sunday School Convention will be held in this city, beginning Wednesday, June 23, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continuing over the following Sunday. B. L. Douglas, of this city, is president of the association. The meeting will be largely composed of delegates from nearly all the colored Sunday Schools in the North Missouri District.

**Hicoughed for Six Months.**  
CENTRALIA, Mo., June 17.—Miss Lucy Marshall and her city, who was taken with hicoughs on December 25, 1896, has not recovered, and her weight has been reduced from 104 pounds to 75 pounds during her ailment. She has only had relief once and that only for about two weeks. She was supposed to be permanently cured until yesterday, when she had a relapse, and hicoughed violently, until relieved by the administration of morphine.

The total receipts of the ex-Confederate home at Higginsville for 1896 were over \$12,000 and the expenditures slightly less. The home was maintained mainly by the prodigies of the farm and private contributions until it became a state institution a few months ago.

If the Warrenburg ball team won any twenty-three games, as they claim to have done, they must have won them from nines composed of 15-year-old boys.

W. B. Peters, of Fulton, was in town on business Thursday.

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A pure Grape Cream of Tartar Powder. Free from Ammonia, Alum or any other adulterant. 40 YEARS THE STANDARD.